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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to an Office Action dated April 11, 2005. The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on July 11, 2005. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee to extend the period for response through today's date.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.